

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Box PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 09/004,827 filed on January 9, 1998, for METHOD FOR NODE RANKING IN A LINKED DATABASE, by the following named inventor(s):

- (a) Full Name Lawrence PAGE  
(b) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors being claimed in this application.

- (a) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors being claimed in this application.

- (a) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. 09/004,827 as originally filed on January 9, 1998, including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
3. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status ☐ are enclosed ☐ were filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below ☒ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$ 710.00
Total Claims	28	MINUS 20 =	8	x \$18.00	144.00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS 3 =	4	x \$80.00	320.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00					
Total Application Fee					\$1,174.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 if Assignment document is enclosed					
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$1,174.00</b>

5. ☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ for the fee due.
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,174.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070. This paper is submitted in duplicate.
8. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -This application is a [X] continuation, [ ] divisional, of Application No. 09/004,827, filed January 9, 1998.-

10. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the pending prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing data accorded this application. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of issue fee.)

11. ☐ New drawings are enclosed.

12. ☐ Priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☐ The certified copy of the priority application  
☐ is enclosed  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ has not yet been filed.

13. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

14. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

15. ☐ A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.

16. ☒ Also enclosed Request for Non-Publication of Application.

17. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Harrity & Snyder, L.L.P.

- a. ☒ The power appears in the papers in the prior application.  
b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.  
c. ☐ Recognize as Associate Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
d. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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☐ assignee of complete interest  
☒ attorney or agent of record  
☐ filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Lawrence PAGE	)	Group Art Unit: 2171
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Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner: U. Le
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Filed: July 2, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD FOR NODE	)	
RANKING IN A	)	
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**REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION AND  
CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §122 (b)(2)(B)(i)**

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As an authorized agent of the above-identified applicant(s), the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. §122(b).

I further understand that this non-publication request may be rescinded at any time and if so, the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

I further understand that if applicant(s) subsequently file(s) an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be notified of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. I also understand that failure by applicant(s) to so notify the Patent and Trademark Office will result in abandonment of this application.



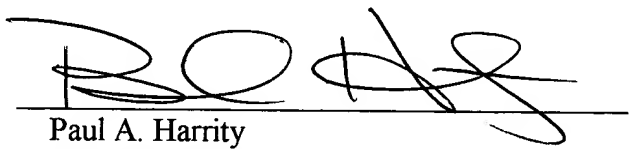
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Respectfully submitted,

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